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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.), citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner.

Pursuant to the waiver in the Pre-OG Notice, dated July 25, 2003, copies of US patents and published US patent applications are no longer required and are not enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications and the references cited therein: USSN 60/237,151, filed October 2, 2000.

A copy of Serial No. 60/237,151 from the above listing is enclosed herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

Due to the large volume of references contained in the related parent application, copies of PTO-1449 forms (2 pgs.) showing those references are enclosed

for the Examiner, but copies of these references can be found in U.S. Serial No. 09/837,073, filed April 18, 2001. If the Examiner wishes the Applicants to provide additional copies of any or all references, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (651) 733-2180.

Applicant submits that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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